

Centennial Honors College
Thomas E. Helm Undergraduate Research Day 2024

ABSTRACT

Major: Political Science

Podium

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Pure Democracy

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I will be taking a look at the history of Ancient Greece and the pure democracy that they had at one point. I find this topic interesting as many people argue against the popular vote in the United States presidential election, I wanted to see if anyone has had a vote like this. I also wanted to see how this would apply to other parts of our political ecosystem, such as laws. I also wanted to look at how this would work with the population size of the United States, which is much larger than their population, especially because everybody can vote. My goal is to take a look at all of these issues and figure out why they would or would not work.

I can also see the issues they had back then such as slavery and power struggles of the past, which was very prevalent when it came to voting for laws in this type of system. It is a completely different world when it comes to the social aspect of politics, I'll be able to see what different politicians did back then compared to now. There are many differences I will have to consider when speaking when it comes to different threats, and people's willingness to actually participate in politics to solve this issue.